

StartNet

Highlights and Achievements

BRIDGING THE GAP

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE'S #TRANSITIONTOWORK

AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

ONLINE CONFERENCE - 7 MAY



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What is StartNet?



Project Networks Family of projects

System Chain of actions Approach

Collective Impact Bridge Connector

Research Capacity-building Advocacy



2017 Launch of StartNet

2018 First European Network Meeting

**2019 European Alliance of Apprenticeships
Advocacy Breakfast**

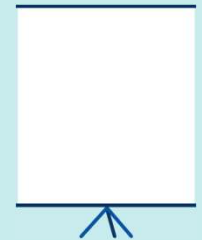
**2020 2nd phase with 1,75 Mio.€
Erasmus+ project Skills for Life
Conference on Youth Guarantee**

**2021 Erasmus+ project Wake Up Your Vocation
Future of Work and Skills Symposium**

**2022 Official Stakeholder of the
European Year of Youth**

2023 Erasmus+ project Parcours for the Future

**2024 Online Conference with EPC
and Connecting Europe**



Some numbers...



84 ONLINE AND OFFLINE
EVENTS WITH
16.000 PARTICIPANTS

38 ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES
CAMPAIGNS, POLICY AMENDMENTS, AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO EU CONSULTATIONS

6 ERASMUS+
KA2 PROJECTS
REACHING OF 1.620.000 € OF EU PROJECT FUNDING



StartNet II is highly coherent with policies implemented in Italy and Europe to foster youth employment and school-to-work transition, thanks to its diverse network of stakeholders.

Evaluation

ARCO Lab Università di Firenze / June 2023

The Project created a proactive and engaged youth community network.

Delivers effective career orientation training workshops.

The Project serves as a knowledge and expertise incubator.

Project network design allows for bidirectional transfer of knowledge:

Strongly anchors the project within the local area.

Ability to attract external funding: StartNet has succeeded in promoting specialist debate on issues of youth inclusion

Project staff are flexible and adaptable to global health crises.

Establishes close connections between local representatives of education and business sectors.

StartNet II served as a bridge between education, employment and third sector entities. It implemented a systemic approach to bolstering the education system and encouraged dialogue and cooperation between various sector representatives and actors, to better facilitate school-to-work transitions in these regions.




StartNet II is highly relevant given that youth unemployment rates vary across Europe.

Produces a replicable and scalable model for possible implementation in other schools.

Theoretical knowledge gained at the European level is used to inform practices and activities enacted at the regional level. Subsequently, the knowledge gained from practical application and experience is shared in turn at the European level. This creates a continuous flow of information-sharing that disseminates knowledge and invigorates debate on youth inclusion in Europe more broadly.

STARTNET ITALY BENEFICIARIES

At regional level the project in the 36 months of implementation, in Apulia and Basilicata in the aggregate, managed to reach, either directly through projects or indirectly through project beneficiaries:

	15.000 Students
	600 Teachers
	1200 Families

PROCESS OF ENGAGEMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT

StartNet Youth

1. Transformative weekend
2. Round tables
3. Community event
4. Manifesto
5. Registration as NGO
6. Participation in EU-projects

**GIVING VOICE
AND EMPOWERING
THE YOUTH**



STARTNET EUROPE PARTNERS



European dialogue and partnerships on:

- Social inclusion and NEET prevention
- Youth empowerment & participation
- Cross-sectoral cooperation / collective impact
- Career guidance & orientation
- Future of Work - Skills for the future
- VET & apprenticeships
- Entrepreneurship education
- Skills shortages & (learning) mobility